

REMARKS

It is noted that the claims of the subject application had been allowed (as amended) prior to the filing of this Request for Continued Examination. However, a search report was received from the European Patent Office in a related (but not corresponding) application and Applicants deemed it appropriate to cite references from that search report that had not been previously cited and/or of record in the instant application. Consequently, an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and substitute form 1449 listing all references not previously cited and/or of record accompanies this amendment, as well as a copy of the search report from the European Patent Office. In order to be certain that all references are considered, the current IDS also includes those references cited in prior IDSSs filed in the instant application on April 6 and April 11, 2005, in other words, during the time period that the Notice of Allowance was mailed, April 8, 2005.

Claim 1 is amended to distinguish the present claims over references of record, including the references cited in the European search report; claim 2 is amended to be consistent with claim 1. Additionally, there is nothing in the references that would suggest making changes to the chemical compounds disclosed therein so as to arrive at the presently claimed chemical compounds. Furthermore, it is noted that the amendments introduced by Examiner's amendment in connection with the above-referenced prior allowance of the claims also have been incorporated herein, including the canceled claims. However, one of the amendments, previously acknowledged as accurate by the undersigned, was to a claim identified as claim 39 when, in fact, it appears that the actual claim to which the amendment was applied should have been identified as claim 38. No change in claim number was made or intended. It will be observed that

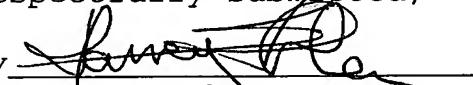
the prior amendment has been made to the text of claim 38, as originally intended. The undersigned apologizes for any confusion that this may have caused.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the amended claims are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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